

LONE STAR DOGO ARGENTINO CLUB OF TEXAS  
CODE OF ETHICS  
Adopted: November 1, 2021

Lone Star Dogo Argentino Club of Texas requires its members to adhere to the following guidelines which constitutes its code of ethics. The club also requires that members, breeders and stud dog owners not aid or abet the violation of these guidelines by anyone else. This code details certain practices necessary to implement the objectives of the club as outlined in its constitution.

1. I will consider only the betterment of the breed when breeding a bitch or allowing a breeding with my stud dog, being conscientious of controlling and eliminating inherited problems. A breeder and stud dog owner shall plan each breeding with the paramount intention of protecting the breed, and only when the parties involved agree the breeder is in a position and has the knowledge to both the breed and the offspring.

2. I will not allow a bitch to be bred prior to her reaching twenty four (24) months of age, nor shall any bitch be bred after her seventh (7) birthday. A bitch will not be bred more than once in any twelve (12) month period unless she doesn't whelp a litter, a litter is stillborn, or if it consists of a single (1) pup, or as a part of a veterinarian's recommendation for treatment of pyometria. Any other reason would need to be stated in writing, along with a licensed veterinarian's certification of good health, to be received by the secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the breeding for the board's approval.

3. I will sell a Dogo only to a buyer whom I believe to be interested in the protection of the breed and who would agree in writing to provide the highest quality of care for said dogo including quality food, water, proper shelter from heat or cold: active companionship, appropriate exercise, protective gear when hunting, GPS when hunting, socialization and professional veterinary care when necessary.

4. A LSDC member will sell each dogo puppy-adult on a written contract signed by all parties. Said contract shall contain, but is not limited to the following conditions:

- A. Complete care/feeding instructions.
- B. A record of inoculations and worming with a recommended continuation schedule.
- C. Provide the buyer with a five (5) generation pedigree on the litter.
- D. Furnish a signed AKC or transfer form, unless written agreement is made with the buyer that such papers are withheld or are to follow.
- E. A provision that ensures that the breeder is contacted whenever an owner can not keep a dog at any time in the dog's life and that the breeder will take back that dog if asked to do so.
- F. Stipulate that the buyer have a veterinary checkup within five (5) working days of the sale, (or whatever is applicable in your state of residence) to determine that the dogo is healthy. If the veterinarian determines that the dogo is not in good health, the breeder will, upon the dog's return, refund the purchased price or replace the dogo. It shall be the buyers prerogative to choose whether they will receive a refund of the purchased price or accept another dogo.
- G. Prior to leaving the breeder, all puppies/dogs must be microchipped and one of the registry's must be back to the owner.
- H. All puppies/dogs must be BAER (Brain Stem Auditory Evoked Response) tested.
- I. Must never be used for dog fighting.

J. Dogs used for hunting must be provided with all appropriate safety equipment. (To include, but not limited to kevlar and GPS collar.

5. I will not knowingly sell or provide a dogo for resale, gift or prize or to a broker/agent for resale. I will not engage in the brokering of a puppy, (selling or buying), EXCEPT in a case that would prevent a potential rescue situation. ALL SUCH CASES MUST be documented by letter to the secretary.

6. I will to sell a puppy/adult who is sick, nor will I ship or deliver a puppy that is less than eight (8) weeks of age.

7. I will show good sportsmanship at all times in all matters relating to dogos. I will maintain the highest degree of honesty and integrity. I will not knowingly make a misstatement of fact in any serious discussion of my dogos or the dogos of any other dogo owner that I might have with persons not qualified to judge the facts for themselves. When advertising my dogos in any media (magazines, internet, website, mail, email, facebook, ect.) I will not make a false or misleading statement. I will only use a picture of another owner's dogo with the owner's express permission and I will clearly identify that dogo and the dogo's owner in that add.

8. I will take back any dogo bred/sold by me who has been misplaced. If I am unable to do so, I will assist dogo rescue or a regional dogo club in the placement of said dogo. I will reimburse dogo rescue or regional club for all cost incurred not to exceed \$500.00.

9. I will require the neutering/spaying of any puppy/adult placed or sold as pet quality as soon as the dog reaches the appropriate age. LSDC recommends puppies deemed pet quality be placed "with limited registration": puppies whose qualities is questionable should be placed with "limited registration" which is reversible, if appropriate, when said puppy becomes more mature and a better determination of quality can be rendered: Show/breeding quality puppies should be placed with either "full" or "limited" registration.

10. I will not sell, or use, a dogo for the purpose of attack training, fighting, or any other sport detrimental to the breed and its reputation.

11. I will not produce more than four (4) dogo litters in any twelve (12) month period per household nor will I permit my stud dog to be used in a program that would exceed eight (8) litters per twelve (12) month period per a household. I will not purposely evade these guidelines by putting my dogs in the names of friends or family members.

12. I will provide the highest quality care to all dogos that I own, or that are in my possession for as long as they are in my care including quality food, water, proper shelter from heat and cold: active companionship, appropriate exercise, socialization and professional veterinary care when necessary. I will never abuse, nor knowingly allow abuse of these same dogos.